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Forest Service to conduct prescribed burning near Moose Pass and Cooper Landing

Chugach National Forest fire management staff will conduct prescribed burning across about 35 acres of forest lands near Moose Pass and Cooper Landing Oct. 21-31.

The burning will help limit the potential spread of spruce bark beetle and reduce wildfire risks to communities and infrastructure adjacent to national forest and private lands. Crews will burn slash piles generated by hazard tree mitigation and various vegetation management projects.

Forest Service fire management personnel will closely monitor local environmental conditions and work with the National Weather Service to assess weather patterns most favorable to smoke dispersion, minimizing smoke impacts to firefighters, the public, residential areas, and highway corridors.

Some residual smoke could be present along both highway corridors in the late evenings and early mornings following prescribed burning activity. Motorists in those areas should exercise caution.

Smoke may be visible in the following areas:

- Seward Highway – near Devil's Pass Trailhead (Mile 40)
- Seward Highway – near Carter Lake Trailhead (Mile 35)
- Sterling Highway – near Quartz Creek (Mile 40)
- Sterling Highway – near Broadview Guard Station (Mile 46)
- Sterling Highway – near Russian River Campground (Mile 53)

For more information, please contact the Seward Ranger District at 907-288-3178.

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